

## Ocean Energy Bureau, Interior

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years and have them available for inspection by MMS representatives.

(2) After 2 years, you must maintain the records, allow MMS representatives to inspect the records upon request and provide copies to the Regional Supervisor upon request, but are not required to keep them on the facility.

(3) The records must include, at a minimum:

(i) Daily volumes of gas flared, gas vented, and liquid hydrocarbons burned;

(ii) Number of hours of gas flaring, gas venting, and liquid hydrocarbon burning, on a daily and monthly cumulative basis;

(iii) A list of the wells contributing to gas flaring, gas venting, and liquid hydrocarbon burning, along with gas-oil ratio data;

(iv) Reasons for gas flaring, gas venting, and liquid hydrocarbon burning; and

(v) Documentation of all required approvals.

(d) If your facility is required to have flare/vent meters:

(1) You must maintain the meter recordings for 6 years.

(i) You must keep these recordings on the facility for 2 years and have them available for inspection by MMS representatives.

(ii) After 2 years, you must maintain the recordings, allow MMS representatives to inspect the recordings upon request and provide copies to the Regional Supervisor upon request, but are not required to keep them on the facility.

(iii) These recordings must include the begin times, end times, and volumes for all flaring and venting incidents.

(2) You must maintain flare/vent meter calibration and maintenance records on the facility for 2 years.

(e) If your flaring or venting of gas, or burning of liquid hydrocarbons, required written or oral approval, you must submit documentation to the Regional Supervisor summarizing the location, dates, number of hours, and volumes of gas flared, gas vented, and liquid hydrocarbons burned under the approval.

### §250.1164 What are the requirements for flaring or venting gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S?

(a) You may not vent gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S, except for minor releases during maintenance and repair activities that do not result in a 15-minute time-weighted average atmosphere concentration of H<sub>2</sub>S of 20 ppm or higher anywhere on the platform.

(b) You may flare gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S only if you meet the requirements of §§250.1160, 250.1161, 250.1163, and the following additional requirements:

(1) For safety or air pollution prevention purposes, the Regional Supervisor may further restrict the flaring of gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S. The Regional Supervisor will use information provided in the lessee's H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan (§250.490(f)), Exploration Plan, DPP, DOCD, and associated documents to determine the need for restrictions; and

(2) If the Regional Supervisor determines that flaring at a facility or group of facilities may significantly affect the air quality of an onshore area, the Regional Supervisor may require you to conduct an air quality modeling analysis, under §250.303, to determine the potential effect of facility emissions. The Regional Supervisor may require monitoring and reporting, or may restrict or prohibit flaring, under §§250.303 and 250.304.

(c) The Regional Supervisor may require you to submit monthly reports of flared and vented gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S. Each report must contain, on a daily basis:

(1) The volume and duration of each flaring and venting occurrence;

(2) H<sub>2</sub>S concentration in the flared or vented gas; and

(3) The calculated amount of SO<sub>2</sub> emitted.

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS

### §250.1165 What must I do for enhanced recovery operations?

(a) You must promptly initiate enhanced oil and gas recovery operations for all reservoirs where these operations would result in an increase in ultimate recovery of oil or gas under sound engineering and economic principles.

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(b) Before initiating enhanced recovery operations, you must submit a proposed plan to the Regional Supervisor and receive approval for pressure maintenance, secondary or tertiary recovery, cycling, and similar recovery operations intended to increase the ultimate recovery of oil and gas from a reservoir. The proposed plan must include, for each project reservoir, a geologic and engineering overview, Form MMS-127 and supporting data as required in § 250.1167, and any additional information required by the Regional Supervisor.

(c) You must report to Minerals Revenue Management the volumes of oil, gas, or other substances injected, produced, or produced for a second time under § 210.102 of this title.

**§ 250.1166 What additional reporting is required for developments in the Alaska OCS Region?**

(a) For any development in the Alaska OCS Region, you must submit an annual reservoir management report to the Regional Supervisor. The report must contain information detailing the activities performed during the pre-

vious year and planned for the upcoming year that will:

(1) Provide for the prevention of waste;

(2) Provide for the protection of correlative rights; and

(3) Maximize ultimate recovery of oil and gas.

(b) If your development is jointly regulated by MMS and the State of Alaska, MMS and the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will jointly determine appropriate reporting requirements to minimize or eliminate duplicate reporting requirements.

(c) Every time you are required to submit Form MMS-127 under § 250.1155, you must request an MER for each producing sensitive reservoir in the Alaska OCS Region, unless otherwise instructed by the Regional Supervisor.

**§ 250.1167 What information must I submit with forms and for approvals?**

You must submit the supporting information listed in the following table with the forms identified in columns 1 and 2 and for the approvals required under this subpart identified in columns 3 through 6:

	WPT MMS- 126 (2 copies)	SRI MMS- 127 (2 copies)	Gas cap produc- tion	Downhole commin- gling	Reservoir reclassi- fication	Produc- tion within 500-ft of a unit or lease line
(a) Maps:						
(1) Base map with surface, bottomhole, and completion locations with respect to the unit or lease line and the orientation of representative seismic lines or cross-sections	.....	.....	√	√	.....	√
(2) Structure maps with penetration point and subsea depth for each well penetrating the reservoirs, highlighting subject wells; reservoir boundaries; and original and current fluid levels	√	√	√	√	√	√
(3) Net sand isopach with total net sand penetrated for each well, identified at the penetration point	.....	*	√	√		
(4) Net hydrocarbon isopach with net feet of pay for each well, identified at the penetration point	.....	*	√	√		
(b) Seismic data:						
(1) Representative seismic lines, including strike and dip lines that confirm the structure; indicate polarity	.....	.....	√	√	.....	√
(2) Amplitude extraction of seismic horizon, if applicable	.....	.....	√	√	√	√
(c) Logs:						
(1) Well log sections with tops and bottoms of the reservoir(s) and proposed or existing perforations	√	√	√	√	√	√
(2) Structural cross-sections showing the subject well and nearby wells	.....	.....	√	√	√	*
(d) Engineering data:						